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All county, state parks to close at 8 p.m.

(Camden, NJ) – In accordance with Governor Phil Murphy’s order announced earlier today, all county parks will close indefinitely beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, April 7. At the same time, all state parks in New Jersey will close indefinitely as well, including Wharton State Forest which stretches into the southeastern part of the county. This full closure includes all park lots, grounds, facilities, trails, and playgrounds.

Although residents are allowed to exercise outside under the governor’s stay at home order, these closures are intended to further reduce instances of individuals gathering in groups and further the state’s social distancing efforts.

“Just as the governor mentioned today, we have received reports throughout the county of groups of people violating gathering restrictions while visiting parks and recreational areas to enjoy the start of spring,” said Freeholder Jeffrey Nash, liaison to the Parks Department. “Just because you are outside does not mean that you can stop social distancing, congregate in groups, or ignore other crucial guidance. In order to protect yourself and your family, you need to stay home. We know that our residents want to enjoy the spring weather outdoors, but all of us have to do our part if we are going to break the back of the virus and save lives.”

Based on the closing of county facilities, enforcement of Gov. Murphy’s Executive Order 118, will fall to the Parks Department and local front line police departments. State Park Police will patrol state park areas to ensure the public is following the governor’s directives to stay home and help limit the spread of coronavirus.

To learn more about COVID-19 or to find additional resources, go to <https://covid19.nj.gov> or visit camdencounty.com for updates within Camden County. You can also call 2-1-1 or text NJCOVID at 898-211 for more information.

For updated parks information, please visit the Division of Parks and Forestry’s website: <https://njparksandforests.org>.